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STOLEN INFANT FORMULA RINGLEADER CONVICTED OF TWENTY COUNTS

PHOENIX - The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on April 26, 2005, Samih Fadl Jamal was found guilty of conspiracy to commit interstate transportation and receipt of stolen property, conspiracy to commit money laundering, two counts of interstate receipt of stolen property, one count of interstate transportation of stolen property, two counts of making a false statement on a federal form, eleven counts of structuring financial transactions, one count of money laundering and one count unauthorized employment of aliens. Mamoun Al-Jammal was found guilty of conspiracy to commit the interstate transportation and receipt of stolen property, conspiracy to commit money laundering, two counts of interstate receipt of stolen property, one count of interstate transportation of stolen property, ten counts of structuring financial transactions. Mounir Daly and Ibrahim Elrawy were found guilty of conspiracy to commit interstate transportation and receipt of stolen property and conspiracy to commit money laundering, all by a federal jury in Phoenix.

A total of twenty-seven defendants were indicted in this case and twenty-two defendants were located and arrested. Seventeen have pleaded guilty and a number have been sentenced and deported.

FBI SAC Jana D. Monroe stated, "We are pleased with the verdict and attribute the successful prosecution of this case to the cooperative investigative efforts by Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies." United States Attorney Paul Charlton stated, "the guilty

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verdict in this case reflected the strength of the government's case. We are pleased with the result and look forward to the sentencing phase."

The evidence at trial showed that all defendants were engaged in an interstate conspiracy to traffic in stolen infant formula. The case was tried before United States District Court Judge Frederick J. Martone on March 1, 2005, for a period of eight weeks. A conviction for a violation of Title 18 U.S.C. 371 carries a maximum penalty of 5 years. A conviction on Title 18 U.S.C. section 2314 and 2315 carries a maximum penalty of 10 years. A conviction of Title 18 U.S.C. section 1956(h) carries a maximum penalty of 20 years. A conviction of Title 18 U.S.C. section 5324 carries a maximum penalty of ten years. A conviction of Title 18 U.S.C. section 1001 carries a maximum penalty of 5 years. All counts carry a fine of \$250,000.00.

The investigation leading to the guilty verdict was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Tempe Police Department, Phoenix Police Department, Department of Homeland Security, Internal Revenue Service, Pasadena Texas Police Department, and the Maricopa County Attorney's Office.

Sentencing is set before Judge Frederick J. Martone on September 12, 2005.

The prosecution was handled by Kevin M. Rapp and Michael W. Kemp , Assistant U.S. Attorneys, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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